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HB 252 Representative Kelly McCarthy

Revise Laws Related to the uses of the research and commercialization account

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Richard Parks. I own and operate a sporting goods store and fishing outfitting business in Gardiner, MT. I appear today on behalf of Northern Plains Resource Council. We are a family agriculture and grassroots conservation organization, and we support of HB-252.

The operative part of this bill appears on lines 9 through 13 of the second page. It removes the statutory requirement to earmark 30% of the project funds to clean coal and renewable resource research and development. Northern Plains has historically, and continues, to support renewable resource development; so called "clean coal" not so much. We support this bill because we believe it is wiser in general to substitute professional and scientific judgments of potential projects than constrain those judgments by what could easily turn out to be arbitrary conditions unsuited to changing circumstances and the evolving state of the art.

We therefore urge a Do Pass recommendation for HB-252. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on this bill and our thanks to Representative McCarthy for bringing it forward.

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